(b) the number of complaints received in this regard from July, 2005 till date particularly in Karnataka Express;

(c) the action taken on such complaints; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to improve the quality of food on this train and other southbound trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Nil.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In order to provide quality and fresh food to the passengers of Indian Railways, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has been set up to upgrade, professionalise and manage the catering service and upgrade the quality of food. Regular and surprise checks are conducted by officials of Railways/IRCTC to monitor quality/quantity/tariff of catering services.

Laying of new railway line from Nanjangud to Gundlupet

3487. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been done to lay new railway line between Nanjangud to Gundlupet in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the estimated cost for the proposed new railway line;

(c) whether the above work has been taken up during 2005-06; and

(d) if not, when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The project is not sanctioned.